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**Project G UW/PLT Coordinator**

Meghan Bowe

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Bryanna Blackburn, South Regional Director  
Rockette Jaros, South Regional Director

**Environmental Education Association of Illinois  
Board of Directors**

Thursday, January 9, 2020

3:30-4:30pm

Dial-in: (605) 313-5384, Access code: 745368#

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**Meeting Minutes**

Board Meeting Attendees: Jessica Prince-Sharrar, President; Jennifer Day Tariq, Immediate Past President; Janet Beach Davis, Secretary; Stacey Clementz, Treasurer; Regional Directors: Tina Dawson Scott, Susie Ingram, Ylanda Wilhite, Abby de Buhr, Marvin Warner, Ramona Puskar, Kelli Parke. Abbie Enlund, Executive Director;

Committee Chairs and Liaisons: Richie Wolf, Awards Chair; Chelsea Prahl, Membership Chair; Stacey Clementz, PR Chair; Teresa Vaughn, Mini Grants Chair;

Guests:

Not Present: RDs: Rockcat Jaros, Bryanna Blackburn, Margaret Gazdacka.; Kristi Morris, EPA Liaison; Jo Fessett, Illinois Audubon Liaison; Judy Miller, NAAEE Representative; Jennie Bunde, EEAI Nominations and Elections Co-Chair; Meghan Bowe, Projects Coordinator;

Quorum present.

voted on - yellow

Items requiring Action-Underlined

Items moved to Ad-Hoc- blue

- I. **Call to Order** Called to order by President Jessica Prince-Sharrar at 3:33pm. Roll call taken. Quorum present
- II. **Additions to the Agenda, Vote with any changes** Addition to agenda: Minigrants need a board vote. Addition of Annual Appeal discussion. Motion made by Stacey Clementz to accept the Agenda as amended; Seconded by Marvin Warner; motion passed by voice vote. No abstentions.
- III. **Review and approval of November Meeting Minutes** Motion made by to accept the meeting minutes as submitted Marvin Warner; Seconded by Ylanda Wilhite; motion passed by voice vote. No abstentions.

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IV. **Old Business- no old business**

## V. New Business

- a. Transition of Project WILD (Abbie)- We have a signed contract and will be the state host as of April 1. We will be coordinating with all the current facilitators once the current program coordinator position is solidified.
  - b. Transfer of Contract Projects Coordinator > Permanent Part Time staff, Programs Coordinator (Ex Committee)- The Program Coordinator will be expanded to become a part time employee of EEAI, and will report to the ED. A job description is being completed. May 1 the current contract expires with Meghan, so the transition will take place then. Meghan has declined the new position. She would like to stay on in some capacity as a consultant. Stacey is concerned about the financial backing for a new position. Stacey suggests that this discussion be moved to the Executive Committee meeting in a week, due to time constraints for this meeting. The board agreed.
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## VI. Executive Office and Staff Reports

### a. President

IEEAC Proposal for WILD funding- A proposal was sent around Thanksgiving, and they declined to award us any funding. They were concerned about the sustainability of the proposal.

### b. Executive Director (Abbie)

Pisces and other Grant updates- Monday 1/13 there is a meeting with Douglas Hart about the funding and how that will all work, and start working on the project. Abbie asked the board for any suggestion on people who should be involved in this project.

No other grants have been awarded, and the executive committee will discuss if any more large grants should be applied for.

### c. Secretary (Janet)- no report

### d. Treasurer (Stacy)-

Budget Report and Fund Development- the financial reports are in the board folder. If there are any questions, please send them to Stacey.

### e. Annual Appeal- Jenn- we will be using Mighty Cause again, tentatively for April 2020.

### f. Projects Coordinator (Meghan)- no Report.

## VII. Region Reports

Member offerings per Region

### a. East Central (Abby)- No addition to the presub

b. Northeast (Kelli, Ylanda)- Ylanda- working on the Pisces project. Kelli- has moved to Minnesota, and will be moving off the board in April. NW region has a site visit program at Red Oak Nature Center in St. Charles. Margaret has declined to run again for the board.

c. Northwest (Tina, Susie)- A lot of activities in the region- listed in the presub report.

d. West Central (Ramona, Marvin) –no additions to presub

### e. South (Bryn, Rockette)

2020 Conference Update-The committee has asked for help finding sponsors. We are well behind where we need to be for this conference. There are only 14 presenters at this time, and more would be preferable. Susie has volunteered to help with programs. Teresa will check in and assist with the Southern RDs.

## VIII. Committee Reports

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS & LIAISONS**

Stacey Clementz, Acting Public Relations Chair

Chelsea Prah, Membership Chair

Richie Wolf, Awards Chair

Jennie Bunde, EEAI Nominations & Elections Chair

Teresa Vaughn, Mini-Grant Chair

Kristi Morris, Illinois EPA Liaison

Jo Fessett  
Illinois Audubon Liaison

Judy Miller, NAAEE Affiliate Representative

a. Membership (Chelsea)- membership is up- The regional activities are working and has brought new members in. Chelsea has worked on some membership data and trends, and it's in the google drive. There was a huge drop in membership in 2016-2017, but that is seems more of a data tracking issue than a loss of members. (Which is very good news.) Chelsea is looking into a member survey so we can better serve our members.

b. PR (Stacy) – no report

c. Awards (Richie)-

Vote for approval of 3 annual EEAI awards to be presented at the annual conference: Non-formal educator of the year: Lorrie

Ward- Cook County Forest Preserve; Formal Educator of the year: Jason Chapman- 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in Alton, IL; Malcolm D. Swan Award: Marge Evans, Mt. Zion, IL- Richland College, Boy Scouts, Master Gardeners and master Naturalists, the Community Environmental Council and many others.

Motion to accept nominees made by Marvin Warner; second by Stacey Clementz; No Abstentions. Passed by voice vote.

d. Mini-Grants (Teresa) vote on Minigrants, Minigrants have been proposed to be awarded to Danville High School for a soil testing project, Grand Prairie Friends for a bat monitoring citizen science program, and Hoo Haven Owl Ambassadors for special programming for younger children; Motion made to accept minigrant awards made by Stacey Clementz; Seconded by Tina Dawson Scott; No Abstentions. Passed by voice vote.

e. Elections (Jennie)

Vote to approve 2020 Slate of Nominees

Slate of nominees as presented:

Regional Directors:

NW: Janet Dahlberg

NE: Rebecca Pruium

NE: Lara Sviatko

NE: Ylanda Wilhite

Secretary: Janet Beach Davis

President: Tina Dawson Scott

Open positions:

President Elect:

Treasurer:

EC RD:

Southern RD:

Motion made to approve the slate as submitted made by Marvin Warner; Seconded by Jennifer Day Tariq; No Abstentions. approved by voice vote.

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**IX. Announcements-** Abbie has been in discussion with the Wild Turkey Federation and they are considering sponsoring the conference if we

can support hunting. Jessica reiterates that we support legal management practices, but we have no policy directly tied to hunting.

**X. Calendar Review**

January <> February

**XI. Next Meeting**

March 5, 2020, 3:30-5:00 pm, Video/Phone Conference

Pre-Subs due February 25, 2020

**XII. Call to Adjourn** Motion made by Jennifer Day Tariq to adjourn; Seconded by Marvin Warner ; motion passed by voice vote. No abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.